

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Applicant by the instant amendment has amended the amendment which now complies with all formal requirements.

With regard to the claims, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 so as to include the following specific recitation:

"...wherein said controlling means request an input of date and time information when the game apparatus is started, and execute subsequent process if the inputted time and date information is included within a given time difference range with respect to the preset time and date information...".

None of the cited and applied prior art references employed by the examiner in the outstanding rejection teach, disclose, suggest, or render obvious the subject matter now added to the amended claims as set forth above. The effect of the "controlling means" as now claimed is as follows. If the game apparatus is rented by an individual, any data rigging such as alteration of date and time can be prevented. In this regard, if the preset date and time information is lost for some reason, data rigging can also be prevented by again presetting the date and time information. Again, the effect of the "controlling means" as claimed is to prevent data rigging by the renter of the game apparatus. Such feature is not shown or disclosed in any of the prior art references. In this regard the examiner's

attention is drawn to Pages 17 and 18 of the instant specification, particularly starting on Page 17, line 16 throughout Page 18, line 18.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

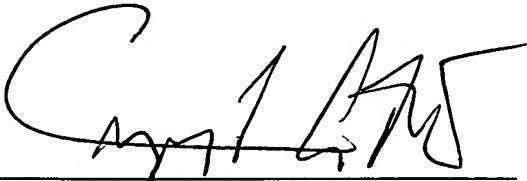
An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it
is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit
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